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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of written *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceedings. On Thursday, August 31, 2003, undersigned counsel for Rural Cellular Association distributed the attached written presentation prepared by Don J. Wood to the members of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service at the *en banc* hearing in Denver, Colorado.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Counsel for Rural Cellular Association

Enclosure